

## Message Text

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ORIGIN PM-05

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 038255

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MASS, MU

SUBJECT: M-16 RIFLES

REF: MUSCAT 0163

WE VIEW SALE OF M-16S TO OMAN AS MODERNIZATION. IN  
MODERNIZATION PROCESS, REPLACED ITEMS NATURALLY BECOME  
EXCESS AND ARE DISPOSED OF. WE ASSUME OMAN WILL EXERCISE  
CAUTION IN SELLING FN 7.62S TO ENSURE THAT BUYER IS  
REPUTABLE AND THAT WEAPONS DO NOT FALL INTO WRONG HANDS.  
IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES DURING CONVERSATION WITH  
APPROPRIATE OMAN GOV OFFICIAL, INFORMAL, VERBAL ASSURANCES  
TO THIS EFFECT WOULD BE USEFUL. USG HOWEVER HAS NO CON-  
TROL OVER BELGIAN ORIGIN FN 7.62S. VANCE

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